Government of the British Virgin Islands
Veterinary Division
Department of Agriculture
Paraquita Bay, Tortola

Import Conditions Beef & Pork

(Pursuant to regulation 7A of the Animals (Importation and Disease) Regulations, Cap.88)

1. The permit is granted subject to the terms and conditions relating to the importation of the below mentioned, set out in the regulations for the time being in force and to the following terms and conditions:
   That the consignment is accompanied by an Official meat inspection certificate stating:

   (a) The animal/s from which the meat was derived was examined ante-mortem by an official Veterinary inspector and no clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease was observed.

   (b) The animals from which the meat was derived were examined under official supervision immediately after slaughter and found fit for human consumption in accordance with fresh meat Export (Hygiene and inspection) regulations.

   (c) The animals were slaughtered and the meat prepared in an establishment approved by the **Department of Agriculture in the country of origin.**

   (d) During the twelve months immediately prior to export, no outbreak of contagious and infectious diseases including but not limited to Foot and Mouth disease, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Vesicular Stomatitis, Rinderpest, Swine Fever, African swine fever or Swine Vesicular Disease has occurred.

   (e) The meat has been produced, handled, stored and transported in such a way as to prevent contact with any animal products that do not originate from the area of export**.**

   (f) The meat is acceptable for human and animal consumption in country of origin**.**

   (g) That prior to the issue of import permit, the importers obtain and make available to the Department of Agriculture for verification notarized statements from their suppliers attesting to the BSE free status.

2. That the importers obtain permits for the importation of meat from the Department of Agriculture prior to placing orders.

   (a) That importers of cattle feed obtain from their supplies and make available to the Department of Agriculture for verification, notarized statements from their suppliers that bovine supplements are not incorporated into their feed products.

   (b) That the importers obtain permits for the importation of feed from the Department of Agriculture prior to placing orders.

   (c) All shipments of beef ate subject to inspection by the Veterinary division on arrival.

   (d) Importation of beef cuts and ground beef is permitted from the USA except from the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Idaho and California. A temporary ban is now in effect on the importation of beef sausages and salami from the States of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Idaho and California

3. **THE VETERINARY DIVISION MUST BE GIVEN AT LEAST 24 HOURS NOTICE OF CONFIRMED ARRIVAL DATE, TIME, AIRLINE/VESSEL AND PORT OF ENTRY. THIS WILL FACILITATE UNNECESSARY DELAYS, AND AVOID DETENTION OF MEAT AND FEED, FOR VETERINARY CLEARANCE, AT PORT OF ENTRY.**